

Manchester Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 18th 2005
6:25—7:05 P.M.

Location: City Hall

Commissioners Present: Michael Poisson (Chairman), Eric Skoglund.

Commissioners Absent: Todd Connors, JoAnn O'Shaughnessey, Kathleen Neville, Marty Gavin, Jen Drociak.

Others Present: Pat Mattson, Jonathan O'Rourke, Michael Hansen (Louis Berger Group, Inc.).

Submitted By: Jonathan O'Rourke

~ Next Meeting @ 6:15 on Monday, May 2nd

Agenda

I. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes from the April 4, 2005 meeting were accepted. Also the January 3rd meeting was discussed (see Rails to Trails under New Business).

II. Treasurer's Report

- Nothing has changed with the treasury report.

III. Old Business

- Front St: Eric informed the committee that the wall will have to be fixed properly and that she could get an emergency waiver and get it approved it after
- West: Wetland presentation scheduled for Monday May 16th. Michael Poisson contacted the City Clerk's Office and will contact City Hall again for confirmation.
- Conservation Easements: Marty Miccio
- Bass Island: This issue is being voted on currently.
- Riverwalk: JoAnn will have the Boy Scouts contact the Mayor directly
- Illegal dumping: Marty unable to comment on this issue, he was unable to attend the meeting tonight.
- Letters: Letters will be sent by Eric S; he is working on them currently. Michael Poisson suggests sending them to all of the City Departments, especially the Departments that deal with construction.
- Earth Day: The Earth Day mailings went out as scheduled. Earth Day is on Saturday April 23rd at Veterans Park.
- Cleanup Maxwell Pond: 11 volunteers, 13 bags of trash.

III. New Business

- The Louis Berger Group Inc.: Manchester Rail Trail. Here a few months ago trail will extend from Shaw's to the Post Office, separate project that attaches to it. Update of the pervious project. Continuing to the soccer fields and would like to continue that trail around the pond. They are planning on using stone-dust on a previous path. They are removing a wet-land area that is considered a health hazard in regard to the west Nile virus. New design incorporating the existing trail and also the use of the railroad bed and stopping at the fence line. Design includes slope changes and materials used along with the design and layout of the trail and bridge plans. Will put tree wells wherever possible to save as many trees as possible. Also in final design is the "South Manchester" trail and it should be out for bid shortly and hopefully start construction this summer. Michael Poisson and Eric Skoglund would like to set up a time to do a site walk for this particular project. Michael Poisson, Eric Skoglund and Pat Mattson have no problem and would like to see the project come to light; they think it is a great idea.
- Art's Update: Update Attached
- Tues 19 & 20th city hall, Hillier Architects development of strategy for the Manchester area. Walter styles conference room at 1pm. Merrimack waterfront access.

IV. Mail & other incoming information

- Impact of rail to trails, approved
- News-Letter and Announcement: Watershed News-Letter April 23rd walk in woods at dearing sanctuary May 10th Coyotes in your neighborhood @ 7pm Stark Hall, Goffstown
- Parking permit for 4 story parking
- National News-Letter of Volunteer monitoring
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